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Applicant(s) : OKADA et al.

Serial No. : 09/753,726

Group Art Unit: 2172

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Examiner: CORRIELUS, Jean M.

For : AUTOMATIC MANHOUR SETTING SYSTEM AND METHOD,
DISTRIBUTED CLIENT/SERVER SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER
PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUMRECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
SEP 20 2004Mail Stop Amendment
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

This Amendment And Request for Reconsideration is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2004. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.7, the due date for responding without the need for an extension of time is September 20, 2004 as September 18 falls on a Saturday. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following.

Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

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believed allowable for at least similar reasons. Applicants however, reserve the right to address such rejections should such response be necessary and appropriate.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the invention as recited in claims 1-45 as presented herein is neither anticipated by, nor rendered obvious in view of, the cited references Frisina and/or Matsuzaki, taken individually or in combination, and respectfully request that the rejections in view thereof, and the stated objections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-45 as herein presented are allowable over the prior art of record and that the application hereby placed in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

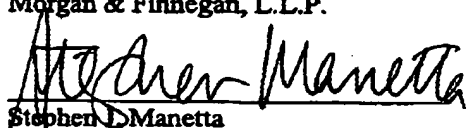
Applicants believe no additional fees are required for this paper and that no extension of time is required. However, should an extension of time be necessary to render this filing timely, such is hereby petitioned, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4671.

In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,
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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

SMALL ENTITY

OR

OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	43 minus 20 =	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	2 minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

RATE	FEE
	\$
X \$	=
X \$	=
+ \$	=
TOTAL	

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OR

RATE	FEE
	\$
X \$	=
X \$	=
+ \$	=
TOTAL	

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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(Column 2)

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SMALL ENTITY

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OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	MINUS	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	39	Minus	43	= -
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	6	Minus	3	= 3
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$ 9	=
X \$ 43	=
+ \$ 45	=
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

OR

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OR

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$ 18	=
X \$ 86	= 258
+ \$ 290	=
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	MINUS	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	*	Minus	**	=
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	Minus	***	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$	=
X \$	=
+ \$	=
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

OR

OR

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OR

OR

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$	=
X \$	=
+ \$	=
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	MINUS	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	*	Minus	**	=
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	Minus	***	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$	=
X \$	=
+ \$	=
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$	=
X \$	=
+ \$	=
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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Effective October 1, 2000

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS	43	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	43 minus 20 =	23
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 minus 3 =	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/>		

SMALL ENTITY
TYPE ☐

OR OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	355.00	OR	BASIC FEE	710.00
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	414
X40=		OR	X80=	—
+135=		OR	+270=	—
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	1124

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	•	Minus	**
Independent	•	Minus	***
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

SMALL ENTITY

OR OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X40=		OR	X80=	
+135=		OR	+270=	
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	
ADDIT. FEE		OR	ADDIT. FEE	

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	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	•	Minus	**
Independent	•	Minus	***
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X40=		OR	X80=	
+135=		OR	+270=	
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	
ADDIT. FEE		OR	ADDIT. FEE	

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	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	•	Minus	**
Independent	•	Minus	***
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X40=		OR	X80=	
+135=		OR	+270=	
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	
ADDIT. FEE		OR	ADDIT. FEE	

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